



- Disciples want to **grow** and learn in their relationship with Christ.
- Let's focus on four keys to possessing this growing relationship with Christ.

First, you must get established in the Word of God. vs. 21-22

Second, you need encouragement from those who are more mature in the Lord. vs. 22

Third, you need to learn how to function within the life of a local _____. vs. 23

- Paul took steps to organize these believers into local assemblies, establishing leadership and structure within the congregation. Why did he do this?
- Because God has given all Christians:
 - ⇒ The privilege of edifying and caring for _____ believers.
 - ⇒ Spiritual _____ to be used to edify other believers. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 14:12
 - ⇒ The admonition to _____ in their faith.
- Christians can **fulfill** God's _____ for their lives as they get connected to a local church.

- The church isn't **like** a family, it _____ a family.
- Many Christians are spiritually _____. They need a church family.

**Fourth, you must get rooted in _____
with other disciples of the Lord. vs. 27-28**

- Fellowship is when a group of people experience _____ together.
- Fellowship among believers is a natural by-product of our mutual _____ in Christ.
- *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” Acts 2:42*
- Biblical fellowship takes place in _____ groups, not in crowds.

Healthy _____ takes place in the context of relationships.